

## MINUTES

CASE NUMBER: 1:21-CV-00068-LEK-KJM  
CASE NAME: Dr. Alyssa Friedberg et al v. Cathy Betts et al  
REPRESENTATION Alyssa Friedberg, Pro Se  
FOR PLA: Paul Shindell, Pro Se  
ATTY FOR DEFT: Kendall J. Moser

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JUDGE:	Kenneth J. Mansfield	REPORTER:	AT&T Service
DATE:	05/07/2021	TIME:	8:29 - 8:53

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COURT ACTION: EP: [27] PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO COMPEL hearing held.

Mr. Ryan M. Akamine is also on the phone.

Arguments heard.

The Court verifies Plaintiffs contact information:

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### MINUTE ORDER GRANTING IN PART AND DENYING IN PART PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO COMPEL

Plaintiffs Alyssa Friedberg and Paul Shindell filed a motion to compel as to Defendants Cathy Betts, Elladine Olevao, Kintaro Yonekura, Iwalani Kaauwai-Herrod, Kirstie Kashima, and Hawaii Department Of Human Services ("Defendants"), seeking (i) Defendants' Initial Disclosures; (ii) Defendants' responses to Plaintiffs' First Set of Requests for Production of Documents ("RPOD"); (iii) permission to exceed twenty-five interrogatories; and (iv) permission to serve by email (the "Motion"). ECF No. 27.

Defendants initially opposed the Motion on the basis that they had moved to dismiss Plaintiffs' Complaint and discovery should be stayed pending resolution of the motion to dismiss. ECF No. 33. Given that the district court had recently denied that motion to dismiss as moot, Defendants amended their position at the hearing to request additional time to provide their Initial Disclosures and responses to Plaintiffs' RPOD, but they opposed Plaintiffs' request to exceed twenty-five interrogatories as premature and Plaintiffs' request to serve by email as unnecessary. After carefully reviewing the parties' written submissions and considering their arguments at the hearing, the Court GRANTS IN PART AND DENIES IN PART the Motion as follows:

Defendants' Initial Disclosures are due May 14, 2021.

Defendants' written responses to Plaintiffs' RPOD are due June 4, 2021.

Plaintiffs' request to exceed twenty-five interrogatories is denied as premature given that Plaintiffs have not yet issued any interrogatories.

Pursuant to the court's March 15, 2021 Temporary General Order Regarding District Of Hawaii Response To Covid-19 Pandemic, in addition to filing by mail, in person at the Clerk's Office, or using the Court's drop box, Plaintiffs may file documents by email to the Clerk's Office at [hid\\_clerks@hid.uscourts.gov](mailto:hid_clerks@hid.uscourts.gov). Pursuant to Rule 5(b)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court will permit the parties to serve each other by electronic mail. The Court may revisit electronic filing and service if circumstances warrant.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

*Submitted by: Bernie Aurio, Courtroom Manager*